OPINION 945

SCIURUS EBII PEL, 1851 (MAMMALIA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers:

(a) the specific name *ebii* Pel, 1851, as published in the binomen *Sciurus ebii*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Law of Priority and the Law of Homonymy;

(b) the emendation to *erythropus* of the specific name *erythopus* (*Sciurus*) Geoffroy, 1803, is hereby validated.

(2) The following specific names are herby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *ebii* Temminck, 1853, as published in the binomen *Sciurus ebii* (Name No. 2431);

(b) *erythropus* E. Geoffroy, 1803, as published in the binomen *Sciurus erythopus* (sic) (Name No. 2432).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *erythopus* E. Geoffroy, 1803, as published in the binomen *Sciurus erythopus* (Ruled under the plenary powers in (1) (b) above to be an incorrect original spelling for *erythropus*) (Name No. 956);

(b) *ebii* Pel, 1851, as published in the binomen *Sciurus ebii* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) (a) above) (Name No. 957).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1846)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. A. M. Husson and Dr. L. B. Holthuis in May 1968. The application was sent to the printer on 13 May 1968 and was published on 27 September 1968 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 125–127. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two specialist serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 April 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (7)12 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 126–127. At the close of the prescribed Voting Period on 9 July 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—nineteen (19), received in the following order: Holthuis, Vokes, Bonnet, Lemche, Simpson, Jaczewski, Mayr, Tortonese, Eisenmann, Sabrosky, Brinck, Evans, Mertens, Starobogatov, Binder, Melville, Alvarado, Kraus, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—three (3): do Amaral, Forest, Munroe.

Original References

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

ebii, *Sciurus*, Pel, 1851, *Nederl. Tijdschr. Jagtkunde* **1** : 161

ebii, *Sciurus*, Temminck, 1853, *Esquisses zool. côte Guinée :* 129

erythopus, *Sciurus*, E. Geoffroy, 1803, an incorrect original spelling for *erythropus* q.v.

erythropus, *Sciurus*, E. Geoffroy, 1803, *Cat. Mammif. Mus. nat. Hist. nat.*, Paris : 178

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)12 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 946.

R. V. MELVILLE
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International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
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